

Last Minute Gift Suggestions from Christian's---

Among our extensive stocks you can find many appropriate gift suggestions. Even at this late hour you can find here "just what you want." For those "last minute" purchases come here.

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Oregon Apples.
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Imported Baskets of Fresh Fruits.
Aligator Pears.

Fresh Persimmons.
Aligator Pears for salad.
Cranberries.

A Splendid Gift Gordon Smithfield Hams

A delightful remembrance. We ship them, already cooked, to any part of the country. Order now to be sure of prompt delivery.



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ASK TO SEE THEM WHEN YOU COME IN.

Set Aside To-morrow Morning to Visit Christian's

It is so late now you can't afford to wait longer! What is to be done must be done now, and you couldn't go to a better place to make those late purchases than here at Christian's.

Make up your mind to come to-morrow morning and make those purchases. Let something else go.

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Dry Champagnes.
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Selected Sauternes.
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Extra Fine Scotch and Irish Whiskies.
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Fresh Fruits in Glass: Apricots, Red and White Pitted Cherries, Peaches, Pears, Raspberries, Pineapples.

Ginger, Grapes and Damson Chutneys.

Marmalades.

Branded Peaches and Figs.

Branded Fruit Salad (new).

Branded Pears and Apricots.

Branded Cherries and Pineapples.

Home-Made Mince-meat.

Fruit Cakes.

Chocolate Candies.

Plum Puddings in 1, 2, 3 and 4-lb. sizes.

Imported Malaga Raisins.

Pulled and Layer Figs.

Stuffed Dates and Figs.

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ABSENCE OF TREATY HARMFUL TO TRADE

Russian Government Grants Concession to Great British Concern.

BY LA MARQUE DE FONTENAY.
THAT the absence of treaty relations between Russia and the United States is harmful to American trade and industry, has been

strikingly demonstrated since the beginning of the present month, by the grant on the part of the Czar's government of a concession to the great British concern known as Vickers Limited, for the establishment of extensive ordnance and armor-plate works at Tsaritsyn, a busy industrial town on the River Volga.

The Vickers share with the Arm-

strong the distinction of being the British counterpart of the Krupp at Essen, and of the Schneiders at Crouset, in France. It is well known that the concessions obtained by the Vickers was sought by several American iron and steel syndicates, Charles Schwab having been several times at St. Petersburg in connection therewith. But they were handicapped from the very outset by the absence of treaty relations between this country and Russia, and by the popular irritation throughout the Czar's dominions regarding the circumstances under which these treaty relations were sundered by the Washington government.

The Vickers concessions is a monopoly. For the Vickers have made it the basis of an Anglo-Russian corporation, which bears the name of the Russian Artillery Works Company, and which has the sole rights (aside from the government's own works, as at present constituted), to manufacture naval guns and field artillery of large and small calibre, projectiles, gun carriages, and armor-plate for defensive purposes on sea and on land.

The company, which has for its president, Lieutenant-General Victor Ivanoff, of the Imperial Engineer Corps, and on its board of directors the president of the International Bank of St. Petersburg, and the chairman of the Banque d'Escompte of Russia, has already received orders from the government to the extent of \$5,000,000, and all the plant and equipment needed for the works are being imported free of duty from England.

The Vickers and the Armstrongs together have been equally fortunate in Turkey, where they have just obtained a thirty years' contract from the Sublime Porte for the complete reorganization, reconstruction and extension of the government dockyards and docks at Constantinople, Smyrna, and elsewhere. It being particularly stipulated that none but Ottoman citizens or full-blooded British subjects shall be employed in the works.

Captain Eric Bonham, who Prince Arthur has just appointed to the office of comptroller and chief of his household, has been for the past four years his quarry and A. V. C. being at the same time one of his brother officers in the Scots Greys Regiment. Captain Bonham, who is about eight years the senior of the prince, is the only surviving son of Sir George Bonham and heir to his baronetcy and to his country seat at Knowle Park, in Surrey, near Cranleigh. Sir George was for many years in the diplomatic service, winning up his career as minister at Bern and in Berlin. Lady Bonham is a sister of Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador to the court of Russia.

Memories of the shocking tragedy at Belgrade, which brought King Peter to

the bloodstained throne of Serbia, have been revived in Paris by a lawsuit brought in the courts there against Queen Natalie, the widowed mother of the murdered King Alexander.

It may be recalled that in 1902 Queen Draga insisted that she was about to become a mother, and to present King Alexander with an heir to the throne. There is evidence to show that this was part and parcel of a conspiracy of hers to foist a spurious heir upon the king and upon the nation—in fact, to perpetrate the high treason of supposition.

The Serbian government, which suspected something of the kind, insisted on calling in foreign specialists, by whom the fraud was eventually detected. Queen Draga also consulted foreign specialists, whom she thought she could hoodwink, to champion her cause. Among them was a French gynecologist, of the name of Dr. Caubet, of Paris. Queen Draga consulted him, and kept him for several days at Belgrade. On his return to Paris, he sent her in a bill for \$6,000, at the rate of \$200 a day for each day that he spent at Belgrade, and he traveling and hotel expenses. King Alexander demurred at the payment, on the ground that the bill was excessive.

Before the matter could be straightened out, King Alexander and Queen Draga were both assassinated. Since then Dr. Caubet has also died, and it is his heirs at law who are now suing Queen Natalie in the courts at Paris for the payment of the bill, plus interest, on the ground that she is the lawful heir of whatever little property her son possessed at the time of his murder. It was infinitesimal, for he was in terrible financial straits, everything of value that could be found either on his person or in his palace at Belgrade having been looted by his assassins.

That is to say, Queen Natalie is being called upon to pay money for a debt incurred, not by her son, but by the woman who, through inveigling him into a shameful marriage with her, was the direct cause of his ruin, and the indirect cause of his death. Moreover, this debt was incurred by the woman in an attempt to perpetrate a fraud on Queen Natalie's son, and on the Serbian people. Under the circumstances, it is doubtful whether the French courts will be willing to give judgment against Queen Natalie, who has lost all her former remarkable beauty, and has become enormously stout.

Nor is this the only royal lawsuit that is engaging the attention of the Paris tribunals. Princess Louise of Belgium for several years made her home in an apartment owned by an American woman, a Mrs. Whitcomb, in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne. In fact, Princess Louise still gives this apartment as her official and legal residence.

With the rent in arrears for several years, and unable to obtain even any partial settlement from this eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, Mrs. Whitcomb, first of all secured from the courts judgment for the amount due to her, and as these remained unsatisfied, then had the princess's furniture seized and sold at public auction. The prices realized were relatively small, by no means sufficient to satisfy the judgment. Having thus cleared the apartment of its contents, Mrs. Whitcomb then took the next step requisite under the terms of French law to get rid of her undesirable tenant, and to recover the

use of the premises, namely, she obtained an order from the court directing Princess Louise to place in the apartment sufficient furniture to guarantee the amount of the rent, and, as the princess has quite naturally refused to comply with this judicial behest, Mrs. Whitcomb has at length been able to secure from the tribunal a decree of eviction against Princess Louise of Belgium, ex-Princess of Co-

burg. It is the first time that a royal personage has thus been evicted in due form, for the nonpayment of rent, in Paris, since Prince Eugene, the aristocrat-brother of the present King of Sweden, was turned out of his quarters in the Quartier Latin, because he had forgotten to pay his monthly rent. It is only fair to add that his landlord was ignorant of his identity, as he was known only by the name of

M. Eugene, and as an art student, few being aware of the fact that he was Prince Eugene of Sweden, Duke of Nertea. He often talks of this experience, and of his amazement when coming home late one night to find all his furniture on the sidewalk, and his rooms locked against him by the irate landlord. (Copyright, 1913, by the Brentwood Company.)

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